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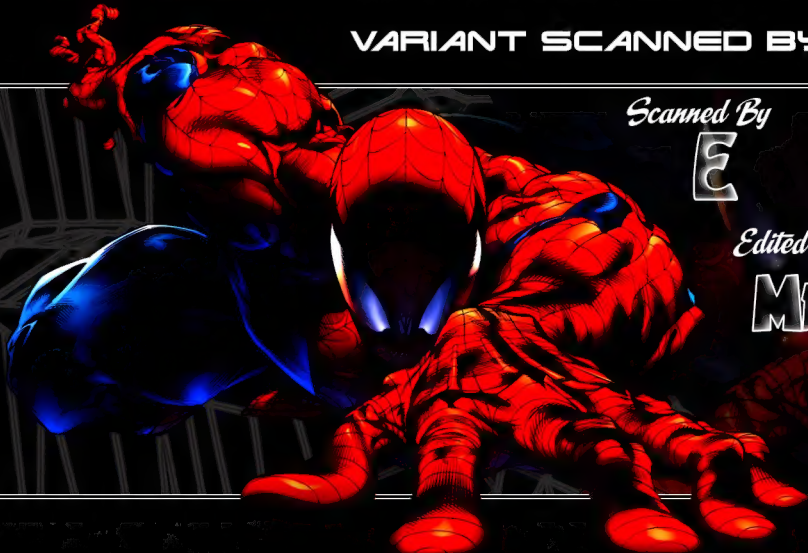
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THE PACK
RUNS
WILD!



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WHEN SUPERHUMANITY NEEDS A DETECTIVE AGENCY, THEY CALL UPON MADROX THE MULTIPLE MAN AND HIS MUTANT TEAM OF INVESTIGATORS...

X-FACTOR



PREVIOUSLY...

WITH RAHNE'S BABY FAST APPROACHING, VARIOUS MYTHIC BEINGS HAVE BEEN HUNTING HER DOWN, DETERMINED TO RELIEVE HER OF HER CHILD IN ORDER TO SUIT THEIR VARIOUS AGENDAS. X-FACTOR FOUND ITSELF UNDER SIEGE BY THE AFOREMENTIONED CREATURES AT THEIR OWN HEADQUARTERS, AND WERE ONLY SAVED BY THE TIMELY ARRIVAL OF JACK RUSSELL, A.K.A. THE WEREWOLF BY NIGHT, WHO ANNIHILATED THE ATTACKERS AND OFFERED RAHNE A WAY OUT.

MEANWHILE: PETER DAVID'S EIGHT-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, CAROLINE, SAT DOWN AND WATCHED ALL THE HARRY POTTER MOVIES SO SHE COULD BE ALLOWED TO GO SEE THE FINALE IN THE MOVIE THEATERS. SHE THEN WENT TO VISIT THE HARRY POTTER EXHIBIT IN MANHATTAN AND WAS THRILLED TO BE SORTED INTO GRYFFINDOR.

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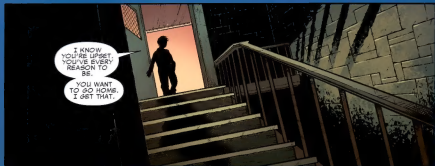
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ARRRRROOOOOOOOOOOOO



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU CAN'T FIND HER, PIP? YOU FOUND HER LAST TIME!



IT'S DIFFERENT THIS TIME, MADROX.

HOW IS IT DIFFERENT?

THERE'S A MYSTICAL, Y'KNOW, THINGY BLOCKING HER. I'M JUST NOT, Y'KNOW, SENSIN' IT.



A MYSTICAL THINGY.

YEAH, IT'S COMPLICATED. DON'T ASK ME T'EXPLAIN IT.

PIP...SHE TOOK OFF, ONE MINUTE SHE'S ON THE ROOF, AND THE NEXT, SHE'S GONE. WE NEED TO FIND HER.



WISH I COULD HELP.

MAN, CAN'T BELIEVE THE NON-SMOKIN' RULES IN THIS CITY. PRETZELS. WHAT'VE I BEEN REDUCED TO...



YOU'LL BE REDUCED TO A P.L.P. IF YOU DON'T START HELPING.

CHECK OUT THE TOUGH GUY.

THIS AIN'T AN INTERROGATION ROOM, PAL. I'M ON YER SIDE, REMEMBER?

SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO.



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO STRIP-MINE YOUR BRAIN? FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?

I DON'T.

WHAT'S WITH ALL THE HOSTILITY, MY E THOUGHT 'CHA DIDN'T EVEN LIKE THE SHE-WOLF OF SCOTLAND.



BUT I LIKE BEING LIED TO EVEN LESS, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S BEING DONE BADLY.



OKAY, FINE! YA WANT THE TRUTH?

SHE'S BAD NEWS. WHEN SHE FIRST SHOWED UP, SHE WAS HERE FOR FIVE MINUTES AND DEFENSTRATED STUTTERSTEP.

SHATTERSTAR.

WHATEVER.



THEN SHE BROUGHT A MYTHICAL PETTING ZOO DOWN ON US.

NOW SHE'S GONE? GOOD RIDDANCE, SEE I, AND THAT'S THE END OF--



PIIMP...I'D BE EVVVVVV SO GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD TAKE US TO RAHNE?

SURE, NO PROBLEM.



THAT CONTROLLING VOICE OF TERRY'S IS A REAL TIME-SAVER.

LET'S JUST HOPE
IT'S ENOUGH TIME.

WE WASTED HOURS SEARCHING
THE ENTIRE AREA. WE ASSUMED
THAT RAINE WAS ON FOOT.

BUT IF SOMEBODY GAVE HER
A LIST, GOD ONLY KNOWS
WHERE SHE COULD BE.

**X-ONEONTA,
NEW YORK.**

THIS IS A
LOVELY CAR.
WHAT KIND
IS IT?

AH,
FINALLY, SHE
SPEAKS.

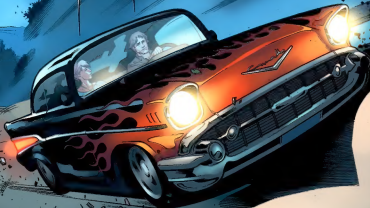
DINNA
HAVE MUCH
T'SAY.

REALLY, A
STRANGER SHOWS
UP, TELLS YOU TO
COME WITH HIM, YOU
SO, AND THAT'S
NOT WORTHY OF
COMMENT?

YE GOT ME
AWAY FROM MY
FRIENDS SO THEY'D
BE SAFE, AND YE...
SMELLED RIGHT.

LEAST YOU
DIDN'T STICK
YOUR NOSE UP
MY BUTT.

DAY'S NOT
OVER.













I THINK
PIP'S GOT
SOMETHING

QUIET,
MONEY.

BESIDES
A SOCIAL
DISEASE,
YOU MEAN?



SHE'S IN
UPSTATE NEW YORK,
SOME PLACE CALLED
ONEONTA.

WHERE IN
ONEONTA?

ROUTE 88.
THERE'S
FOREST...LOTS
OF FOREST...



RICTOR

HAVE TO STAY FOCUSED
ON THE PROBLEM AT HAND.
CAN'T THINK ABOUT...ABOUT...



THEY
DON'T HAVE
SOUL &
JAMIE.



NO
CONSCIENCE.
NO MORALITY.

"YOU
BELLOWED,
MADPROX?"



GO ONLINE,
GET PHOTOREF
OF ONEONTA,
NEW YORK.

THEN
RUSTLE UP
SHATTERSTAR.

"WE'RE GOING
AFTER RAHNE."

DO YE
HAVE ANY PLAN
AS TO WHERE
WE'RE GOIN'?

I DO.
ACTUALLY, I
HAVE A SAFE
HOUSE IN--

DON'T SAY
IT ALOUD, THERE'S
A SHREW IN THE BACK
READY TO RAT US
OUT.

HEY!
SITTING RIGHT
HERE!

IT'S ENOUGH
FOR ME T'KNOW
THAT YE KNOW.

WELL,
I'M GLAD
I CAN--

OH MY
GOD.

WHAT
IS IT?

OH MY
GOD.

IS...IS
THAT WHAT
AH THINK IT--?
IS THAT--



CERBERUS?!!

WELL, IT'S
NOT THAT DOG
FROM "HARRY
POTTER," I CAN
TELL YOU
THAT!





GIVE UP, CHILD!

THERE ARE
FORCES AT PLAY
HERE YOU CANNOT
BEGIN TO
UNDERSTAND!





"WHERE IS THE GIRL
CARRYING HRIMHARI'S
BASTARD?"



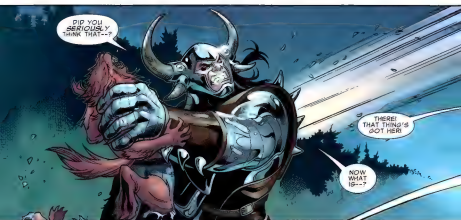
...HE'S
COMING...
THE...

...THE BABY'S
COMING.

SHOULD BE
HELPING JACK,
BUT... CAN... CAN
BARELY THINK...
MUCH LESS...
FIGHT...



AT LEAST...
THE REST OF
THE TEAM... IS
SAFE...







SH?

NO!

YOU DARE
TO TAKE THE SON
OF HRIMHARI? YOU
DARE THREATEN THE
CHILD OF ONE OF MY
DESCENDANTS?

NO ONE
CROSSES
THE FENRIS
WOLF, GREEK!
NO ONE!



WOW. THIS IS GETTIN' WAY ABOVE OUR PAY GRADE.

WHERE'S RAPEH?

SHE...



...SHE'S GONE ON AHEAD... I WAS TRYING TO... DISTRACT GERBERUS.



MADROX!
RAPEH'S LAST KNOWN POSITION IS DUE WEST OF ME!

IS PIP STILL LEADING YOU TO HER?

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL FIND HER.



I'VE GOT ENOUGH DUPES OUT TO FIND A NEEDLE IN A PROVERBIAL HAYSTACK.

YOUR DUPES? THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE, YOU KNOW.

THEY CAN GET THIS JOB DONE.

"THINK OF THEM
AS CHEAP LABOR."

YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU NEED
SOME HELP,
MISS.

WH-WHAT...?
WHO...?

MY PARENTS'
CABIN'S RIGHT
BACK THERE. LET'S
GET YOU INSIDE.

NO...
TOO... TOO
DANGEROUS...
CAN'T... CAN'T
STOP...

WITH ALL RESPECT, I
DON'T THINK NOT
STOPPING IS AN OPTION
FOR YOU RIGHT
NOW.

WHAT'S
YOUR NAME?

O...OKAY...
JUST FOR A
FEW MINUTES...
'TIL THE PAIN
EASES...

RAHNE.

LIKE IN
"RAIN MUST
FALL"?

AYE,
JUST LIKE.

AGAMEMNON.

AND TRUST
ME... I'M OLDER
THAN I LOOK.

NOW... LET'S
MAKE YOU
COMFORTABLE.

YOU'RE SURE
OUT IN THE MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE, MISS
RAIN-MUST-FALL.

SO ARE YE,
FOR SOMEONE
SO YOUNG... UHM...
I D'NNA GET
YUUR NAME...

EEEEEEEEEEYIIIIIIIIII

NEXT

